

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-10, and 13-21 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

An interview by telephone was conducted on July 17, 2006 between Examiner Avellino and LeRoy Maunu (the undersigned). The limitations of claim 1 pertaining to the management interface processor were discussed. No agreement was reached as to the allowability of the claims. The Examiner agreed to withdraw the final rejection and issue a new Office Action upon further consideration of the limitations of the claims as presented in the Amendment dated February 27, 2006.

The arguments set forth in the Amendment dated February 27, 2006 are incorporated herein by reference. Withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth above.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary for consideration of this response. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition for a sufficient number of months for consideration of this response. If there are any additional fees in connection with this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (USYS.020PA).

Respectfully submitted,

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